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## **The Colonies Move Toward Independence**

To begin our study of the Movement To Independence, we will examine conflicts in North America that caused Britain to put in place new policies toward the Thirteen Colonies. Please review pages 130 – 136 and work in pairs to answer the questions below.

1. Why did Britain and France go to war with each other three times in the late 1600s and early 1700s?
2. Why did conflict begin in the Ohio River Valley? What is a land speculator?
3. What was the Albany Plan of Union? Why did the colonial assemblies reject Benjamin Franklin's plan for a "Grand Council"?
4. Where did the battles of the French and Indian War take place? Why was fighting in this war different from previous conflicts?

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5. In the early years of the war, France won many battles. How did British leaders change their strategies to eventually win the war? Who were the important leaders?
6. What was the Treaty of Paris? What territories did Britain gain as a result of winning the war?
7. How did the American colonists feel about the British victory in the war?